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### **I. U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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6,756,147 to Bronold, et al.	June 29, 2004	Membrane electrode unit comprising an integrated sealing edge
6,852,440 to Bonsel, et al.	February 8, 2005	Fuel cell with improved long term performance, method for operating a PME fuel cell and PME fuel cell battery
6,475,656 B1 to Koschany et al.	November 5, 2002	Membrane-electrode unit with an integrated wear ring, and method of making the same

### **II. FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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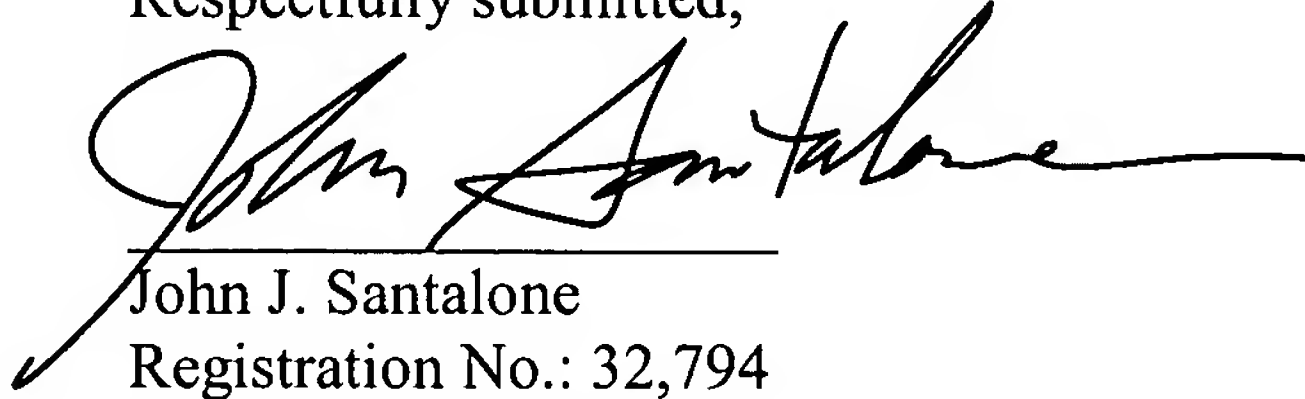
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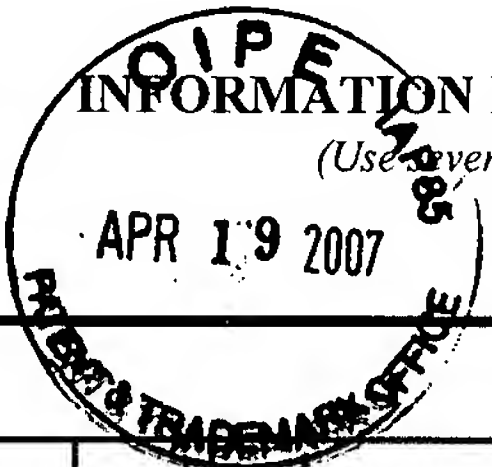
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